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To the New Jersey State Board of Education Members:

Please replace the words "full-time equivalent" to NJAC 6A: 16.2. If left in the code, the language *supports* student development, as the code posits. Deleting "full-time equivalent" from NJAC 6 A.: 16, under the guise of providing "flexibility" for highly specialized schools and small or one-school districts, will *undermine* the entire intent of PL 1999, Chapter 153. By changing the code language to accommodate 142 highly specialized schools, small districts and one-school districts, you will create a "domino effect" across this state altering the delivery of health care services in approximately six hundred thirteen districts by allowing them to supplant certified school nurses with less qualified nurses holding substandard certificates. The law is a minimal parameter. By deleting the words "full-time equivalent" you will be enable all school districts to hire less than the minimum of one certified school nurse per district. There will be no need for school districts to hire certified school nurses on a full-time basis anywhere in New Jersey.

First, "flexibility" is provided by the words "school building" or "building complex" inserted into NJAC 6A: 16, by the New Jersey State Board of Education without a clear definition. Therefore, local boards of education have been given the "flexibility" to define school complex or building complex as they wish. Entire districts are now school complexes. As the Past President of the Morris County School Nurses Association and Past President of the New Jersey State School Nurses Association, I can tell you that we have already experienced the effects of "flexibility" in school districts that have school nurses traveling from one school to the other, barely able to fulfill the mandated responsibilities of the certified school nurse for all of the children in more than one school building. When you remove the words "full-time equivalent," every certified school nurse hired less than full-time will have to practice her profession under these extenuating and difficult working conditions. **It is impossible to insure safety and to provide continuity of care under these circumstances, i.e. the school nurse professionally prepared by her school nurse certification to recognize deviations from normal childhood growth and development in school setting will have the least amount of time to assess the children.**

Secondly, "flexibility" is provided by the present language of the code which requires a Nursing Services Plan to be developed by the school medical director and Chief School Administrator, with input of the certified school nurses. Over the past 5 years, you must have been made aware that, although part of code requirements, not all nursing services plans are being written with the input of the certified school nurses. School nurses have been eliminated from the process in some districts, or their input, disregarded. (See attached Memo from William King dated October 11, 2002.)

Third, "flexibility" is included in the newly created tiers of school nursing as delineated by this State Board of Education. There are 1) certified school nurses, with no emergency certifications



permitted; 2) non-instructional school nurses; 3) non-certified nurses, who can have an emergency certification. Additionally, the words "full-time equivalent" allows for the hiring of more than one nurse on a part-time basis.

My last concern is that P.L. 1999 Chapter 153 has been a statute for seven years. Surely the "budget process," required by all school districts, could have built in adjustments to accommodate a certified school nurse over a seven year period of time, to reduce the "strain of hiring" a certified school nurse. This raises many questions for those of us in sending districts where tuitions provide per pupil expenditures estimated by the specialized schools followed later by an accounting of actual expenditures. I understand that this can be done through the budget process using a software program designed by the New Jersey Department of Education to facilitate the process. I have attached the list of Private Schools for the Disabled Tentative Tuitions Rates 2006-2007 so that you may scrutinize the yearly per pupil costs being paid by our sending schools.

Is it really possible that 142 schools have not been able to hire/find/afford a certified school nurse in seven years? Three hundred forty five school nurse certificates were issued in the 2004-2005 school year, alone. How many more have been issued before and how many have been issued since then? Recently, a certified school nurse applying for a job in a special needs school was told that "a certified school nurse was not required." Does that statement reflect an assumption of a special needs school because they have never been made to hire a certified school nurse before? There are no sanctions that have been imposed for not doing so.

As members of the New Jersey State Board of Education, each of you should be asking yourselves the following questions: If there is a "waiver and equivalency" process, how are schools without certified school nurses providing all of the requirements outlined in the *Guidelines for School Health Services*? What does a Nursing Services Plan look like in those 142 districts who have filed for "waivers and equivalencies?" How can a school medical director or chief school administrator write a nursing services plan without the input of certified school nurses? This requirement and the requirement in code for "review of the nursing services plan at a public meeting of the board of education" was considered by the New Jersey Board of Nursing, to be "safeguards" to insure that schools were meeting their responsibilities and that they would do so in a timely manner.

Who is advocating for the children in these highly specialized schools or one-school districts? What about the children in our highly specialized schools who do not have a "one-on-one" nurse or a "one-on-one" aide required in their I.E.P.? Aren't our special needs children entitled to the school health services offered to all of the other children of New Jersey in our remaining five hundred plus school districts?

You must remember that you advocate for **all** of the children in New Jersey schools, when you re-write NJAC 6A: 16.2. which includes the special needs children in the highly specialized schools **who may not** be getting the health services they are entitled to by New Jersey law or federal law; the children in the small school and one-school districts who are also entitled by law to no less than one certified school nurse per district; **and all the children in the approximately 613 school districts who will not have a fulltime certified school nurse, if you delete this requirement.**





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TO: ALL WARREN COUNTY CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS  
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WARREN COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
DATE: OCTOBER 11, 2002  
SUBJECT: QAAR - NURSING SERVICES PLAN

Mary Jane Tanner has indicated many of you have called regarding the requirement of reporting the assignment plan for school nurses in the QAAR. This was discussed at our State meeting of County Superintendents on Wednesday. For this year you may submit the following paragraph to fulfill the requirement:

A certified school nurse, (name), is assigned to the (blank) School (or School Complex) during those hours when school is in session to complete those duties outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.1(e)1. Either of the following statements should be added. No other nursing personnel are employed., or The following non-certified registered nurses are assigned as follows to perform those duties allowed under their license: List personnel.

More extensive reporting may be required in the future, but this will suffice for now. If you have already included more that is fine. If not, keep it simple!

FILE: CORRESP\CSAMEMO\997  
c: Mary Jane Tanner



**PRIVATE SCHOOLS FOR THE DISABLED  
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<b><u>ATLANTIC COUNTY</u></b>				
Y.A.L.E. School Atlantic	242.80	180	43,704	N/A
Y.A.L.E. School East	197.86	210	41,551	4.53
<b><u>BERGEN COUNTY</u></b>				
Alpine Learning Group	372.41	210	78,206	13.24
Bergen Center for Child Development (D)	201.62	202	40,727	4.84
Community School of Bergen (High School)	208.75	180	37,574	(2.25)
Community School of Bergen (Lower School)	163.19	180	29,375	(1.47)
David Gregory School (D)	206.98	210	43,466	0.00
ECLC of New Jersey (Ho-Ho-Kus Campus)	183.33	200	36,666	3.67
Educational Partnership for Instructing Children	368.56	212	78,135	31.00
Felician School for Exceptional Children	173.05	180	31,150	6.67
Forum School	209.55	198	41,491	0.00
High Point School of Bergen Co. (High Roads of Englewood) (D)	196.85	180	35,432	2.72
Holmstead School	203.33	180	36,600	0.00
Institute for Educational Achievement	406.50	208	84,552	0.00
JCC on the Palisades (Therapeutic Nursery)	417.37	209	87,229	2.55
Learning Center for Exceptional Children (D)	227.79	210	47,837	5.06
Palisades Learning Center	214.04	180	38,528	2.38
Palisades Academy	373.49	210	78,433	0.00
The Children's Therapy Center (CP of Bergen County)	251.79	210	52,877	20.14
YCS Fort Lee Education Center (D)	219.84	180	39,571	12.60
YCS - George Washington School (D)	204.16	180	36,749	0.20
YCS Sawtelle Annex Paramus	267.82	199	53,297	27.86
YCS Sawtelle Annex Paramus High School (D)	143.68	199	28,593	(88.26)
YCS Sawtelle Annex Ridgewood	368.86	199	73,403	79.87
YCS Sawtelle Learning Center Park Ridge (D)	201.49	199	40,096	(43.79)
<b><u>BURLINGTON COUNTY</u></b>				
Children's Home of Burlington Co. (M. Dobbins Sch.)	262.88	210	55,204	0.00
Garfield Park (Therapeutic Learning Center)	203.61	210	42,759	2.22
Githens Center (Burlington County C.P. Association)	219.75	210	46,148	(14.73)
Hampton Academy	235.41	180	42,375	(B)
Kingsway Learning Center - Secondary	216.49	210	45,464	(2.47)
Midway School (C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(8.08)
Y.A.L.E. School North (Medford Lakes Campus)	213.34	180	38,402	(0.09)
<b><u>CAMDEN COUNTY</u></b>				
Archway Programs - Atco	173.35	215	37,270	2.75
Archway Programs (Challenge merged with Atco) (C)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(52.80)
Bancroft Preschool - Haddon Heights	239.57	212	50,789	(B)
Bancroft Neuro Health Preschool - Cherry Hill	231.92	212	49,166	(B)
Bancroft School - Haddonfield Education	166.71	212	35,343	(B)

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<b><u>CAMDEN COUNTY continued</u></b>					
Bancroft School at Voorhees Pediatric Facility		196.20	212	41,594	( B )
Brookfield Academy (Alternative School)	(D)	197.83	210	41,543	(5.68)
Brookfield Elementary School	(D)	247.56	210	51,987	19.10
Brookfield Transition to College		172.69	180	31,084	(25.22)
Cerebral Palsy School and Treatment Center		218.42	210	45,868	3.30
Juvenile Resource Center (Alternative School)		174.94	205	35,863	0.00
Kingsway Learning Center	(D)	196.61	210	41,288	(7.41)
LARC School	(D)	186.75	210	39,218	0.18
Y.A.L.E. School (Cherry Hill Campus)	(D)	198.29	210	41,641	2.80
Y.A.L.E. School Southeast	(D)	259.69	210	54,536	1.69
Y.A.L.E. School Southeast II		231.08	180	41,594	N/A
YCS Virginia Sawtelle Learning Center - South	(D)	317.98	199	63,277	43.21
<b><u>CUMBERLAND COUNTY</u></b>					
Creative Achievement Academy (Grape Street)		170.51	210	35,807	(0.03)
Creative Achievement Academy (West Street)		168.52	180	30,333	0.57
Creative Achievement Academy (Wood Street)		179.36	180	32,284	8.58
Devereux New Jersey Center for Autism		187.74	213	39,989	(47.71)
Downe Academy		156.51	180	28,172	(8.74)
Land Learning Center		214.46	210	45,036	11.83
<b><u>ESSEX COUNTY</u></b>					
1st Cerebral Palsy of NJ (CPC of Essex and West Hudson)	(D)	249.48	210	52,390	(11.95)
All Can Excel Academy		132.04	210	27,727	( B )
ARC - Essex County (Stepping Stones)	(D)	213.90	204	43,635	9.34
Banyan School	(D)	182.60	195	35,608	3.95
Child Development Center		227.72	180	40,990	20.37
Children's Institute	(D)	229.74	200	45,948	6.00
Deron School of New Jersey - II		211.99	210	44,518	4.75
Essex Valley School		198.22	180	35,680	(8.34)
Glenview Academy	(D)	236.85	210	49,739	0.58
Gramon School	(D)	230.70	210	48,448	10.04
Horizon School (Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey)	(D)	261.71	210	54,959	7.02
Horizon High School (Cerebral Palsy of North Jersey)		300.09	210	63,019	N/A
Lakeside School	(D)	258.19	210	54,219	12.10
Milton School		194.74	180	35,053	14.16
Mount Carmel Guild Academy (formerly St. Patrick's)	(D)	245.49	180	44,188	42.29
Mount Carmel Guild Middle School (formerly Mt. Carmel Sch.)		252.16	180	45,388	27.02
Mount Carmel Guild School and Preschool (formerly Preschool)		237.96	210	49,971	12.47
New Beginnings	(D)	267.29	210	56,130	7.98
Phoenix Center	(D)	245.38	198	48,584	0.00
Therapeutic School and Preschool		241.57	199	48,073	(2.27)
Washington Academy		202.22	180	36,400	4.24
YCS Virginia Sawtelle Learning Center (Montclair)	(D)	282.55	199	56,228	10.12

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<b><u>GLOUCESTER COUNTY</u></b>				
Archbishop Damiano School	183.77	211	38,776	0.00
Archway Programs - Washington Township	158.85	215	34,152	9.43
Bancroft School at Grenlock Washington Township	( C )	( C )	( C )	( B )
Hollydell School (formerly CPC of Gloucester and Salem Counties)	237.96	210	49,972	5.00
Creative Achievement Academy (Lake Road)	165.75	180	29,836	2.27
Durand Academy (D)	203.95	210	42,830	12.09
Y.A.L.E. School (Williamstown Campus)	192.63	180	34,674	2.25
<b><u>HUDSON COUNTY</u></b>				
Mount Carmel Guild High School (formerly Prep & High School)	293.23	180	52,781	N/A
Mount Carmel Guild High School (formerly St. Leo's)	( C )	( C )	( C )	42.95
Mount Carmel Guild Prep School (formerly St. Anthony's)	( C )	( C )	( C )	65.45
North Hudson Academy	176.08	180	31,694	0.00
St. Joseph's School for the Blind	372.42	200	74,484	0.00
YCS, Ernest M. May Academy (D)	292.82	180	52,708	58.57
YCS, Kearny Annex Program (D)	240.33	199	47,825	(20.74)
<b><u>HUNTERDON COUNTY</u></b>				
Hunterdon Learning Center	195.36	180	35,164	0.00
Long Run School	144.18	210	30,277	(3.60)
<b><u>MERCER COUNTY</u></b>				
Children's Day School (Family Guidance Center)	180.94	210	37,997	0.00
Delaware Valley School for Exceptional Children	245.96	180	44,273	0.00
Eden Institute (D)	254.18	230	58,462	(3.96)
Lighthouse Academy	168.67	180	30,361	3.02
Newgrange School	211.78	209	44,261	8.68
Princeton Child Development Institute	410.18	209	85,727	0.00
Sister Georgine School (D)	192.81	180	34,707	1.90
The Bridge Academy	185.01	195	36,076	0.00
Titusville Academy (D)	180.85	180	32,552	(3.65)
<b><u>MIDDLESEX COUNTY</u></b>				
Center School	216.48	180	38,967	0.00
Gateway School	214.87	210	45,123	8.33
High Road Lower School (D)	159.73	210	33,544	(21.23)
Lakeview School (C.P. Association of Middlesex Co.)	343.08	210	72,046	6.50
Newmark High School	236.43	180	42,558	0.00
You and Me School (JFK Medical Center)	261.16	213	55,627	0.00

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<u>MONMOUTH COUNTY</u>					
ARC - Dorothy B. Hersh High School		192.38	210	40,400	(29.29)
Children's Center of Monmouth County	(D)	232.85	214	49,830	1.05
Coastal Learning Center - North (Morganville)		206.93	210	43,455	0.00
Coastal Learning Center - South (Howell)		211.78	210	44,475	0.00
Collier High School		231.19	180	41,615	0.00
CPC Behavior Healthcare (High Point)		321.76	204	65,639	0.00
Harbor School		207.28	210	43,529	1.74
Oakwood School		215.36	180	38,766	0.00
Rugby School		281.85	210	59,187	0.00
School for Children	(D)	236.38	210	49,640	16.23
Schroth School (Ladacin Network Inc.)		217.38	223	48,475	0.00
SEARCH Day Program		244.91	218	53,390	3.71
Woodcliff Academy		212.05	205	43,471	14.91
<u>MORRIS COUNTY</u>					
Allegro School	(D)	350.95	210	73,699	7.27
Calais School		192.61	200	38,521	18.18
Chancellor Academy I	(D)	252.41	180	45,433	0.91
Chancellor Academy Outreach I		219.03	180	39,425	N/A
Chancellor Academy Outreach II		213.54	180	38,437	N/A
Chapel Hill Academy (formerly Chancellor Academy II)	(D)	261.05	200	52,211	33.01
Day Top Preparatory School		148.66	180	26,759	2.64
ECLC of New Jersey (Chatham Campus)		169.30	200	33,860	2.05
Montgomery Academy		223.34	180	40,202	0.00
P. G. Chambers School (formerly Children's Center for Therapy & .		253.57	210	53,250	0.00
Shephard Academy (Windsor Development Center)		221.15	180	39,807	0.00
Shephard High School (Windsor High School)		220.11	180	39,619	0.00
<u>OCEAN COUNTY</u>					
Alpha School		217.88	210	45,755	2.16
Coastal Learning Center (Little Egg Harbor)		236.61	210	49,688	19.33
Coastal Learning Center (Tuckerton)		208.41	210	43,765	1.49
High Road School of Ocean County	(D)	196.41	210	41,246	1.08
Lehmann School (Ladacin Network, Inc.)		235.30	223	52,472	0.00
Ocean Academy (Ocean Mental Health Services)		217.19	210	45,610	12.34
School for Children with Hidden Intelligence	(D)	251.65	210	52,847	18.72
The Education Academy		187.20	210	39,313	0.00

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<b><u>PASSAIC COUNTY</u></b>				
Benway School	223.56	180	40,242	8.85
Clearview School	220.84	180	39,752	29.59
Community School (Family Connections)	(D) 182.90	210	38,408	(7.07)
Lakeview Learning Center	217.93	180	39,228	5.43
Mount St. Joseph Children's Center	247.68	210	52,013	0.00
New Beginnings Annex	214.28	180	38,570	8.13
Passaic County Elks - CPC	(D) 273.23	199	54,372	13.69
Passaic County Elks - CPC (High School Annex)	(D) 251.03	199	49,955	(21.27)
Windsor Academy	233.35	183	42,703	0.00
Windsor Learning Center	234.48	210	49,240	0.00
Windsor Preparatory High School	235.32	183	43,064	0.00
Windsor School	226.37	180	40,747	0.00
<b><u>SALEM COUNTY</u></b>				
Strang School (Ranch Hope for Boys)	182.86	210	38,400	(4.83)
<b><u>SOMERSET COUNTY</u></b>				
Bonnie Brae School	395.47	180	71,184	12.09
East Mountain School (Carrier Foundation)	253.08	210	53,147	4.17
Green Brook Academy	242.93	180	43,728	16.57
High Road Upper School	(D) 176.62	210	37,091	(15.98)
Jerry Davis Early Childhood Center	190.77	213	40,635	( B )
Lord Stirling School	325.95	210	68,450	14.62
Matheny School	383.89	221	84,840	0.00
McAuley School	(D) 230.59	207	47,732	18.35
Midland School	192.82	210	40,493	4.95
Rock Brook School	(D) 208.07	210	43,694	4.55
Somerset Hills Learning Institute	471.03	208	97,975	0.00
Somerset Hills School	354.11	215	76,134	9.23
<b><u>SUSSEX COUNTY</u></b>				
Celebrate the Children	222.34	180	40,021	9.20
Kentwood Academy	177.63	180	31,973	N/A
Lakeland-Andover School	245.95	180	44,271	20.00
Willowglen Academy - Newton	197.83	210	41,543	(19.32)
Willowglen Academy - Sparta	278.25	210	58,432	55.09

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<u><b>UNION COUNTY</b></u>				
Children's Specialized Hospital	238.35	220	52,436	8.36
Deron School of New Jersey - I	208.15	210	43,711	12.79
Jardine Academy I - Union (C.P. League) (D)	298.27	210	62,636	(22.04)
Jardine Academy II - Cranford (C.P. League) (D)	314.69	210	66,085	(55.49)
Kohler Child Development Center (ARC of Union Co.)	234.26	220	51,537	19.40
Newmark School (Landmark)	219.28	180	39,470	0.00
Summit Speech School (F.M. Kirby Center)	312.47	210	65,619	20.00
Victory School	( C )	( C )	( C )	12.32
<u><b>WARREN COUNTY</b></u>				
Stepping Stone School	199.74	210	41,946	1.44

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